

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 11, 12 and 14-32 are allowed. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Peiris *et al.* or Drosten *et al.* Claims 13 is herein cancelled without prejudice. As a result, claims 1-3, 11, 12 and 14-32 are pending in the case.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Peiris *et al.* or Drosten *et al.*

Claim 13 is herein cancelled without prejudice to solely accelerate the prosecution of the case. Applicants expressly reserve a right to pursue the cancelled claim in a continuation application(s).

In view of the foregoing Amendments, Applicants believe that all the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, an early notification of which is earnestly requested.


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No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should there be any deficiency in fees, please charge such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

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